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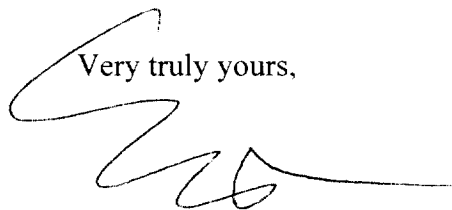
The Honorable William M. Nickerson
United States District Court
for the District of Maryland
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: *REQUEST TO DELAY TRIAL ONE DAY: US v. John Rachel, et al., Case No: WMN 02 CV 754*

Dear Judge Nickerson:

We are writing to request that the Court delay the trial of this matter by one day, so that it will commence on October 7, ~~2002~~²⁰⁰³ instead of October 6, ~~2002~~²⁰⁰³. October 6 is Yom Kippur and therefore is unavailable to counsel and witnesses. We apologize to the Court for the confusion. The holiday did not appear on counsel's electronic calendar which counsel used when scheduling the matter.

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Tolchin

cc: Ms. Tamara Fine

APPROVED
OF February 20, 2003
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

